

COUNCIL BRIEFS

April 24, 2015

Complete Streets Policy final draft: The Department of Community Services has completed a final draft of the [Complete Streets Policy](#). The document was developed collaboratively based on research of best practices from the American Planning Association, peer communities, and local input and feedback from groups and individuals.

The Town Council may hear additional comments during the Public Forum portion of their meeting on May 12. For those who cannot attend the meeting, may submit their written comments before May 12 by email to Essie.Labrot@WestHartfordCT.gov or by mail: West Hartford Town Council, Attn: Town Clerk Essie Labrot, 50 South Main Street, West Hartford, CT 06107.

Basketball camp for Hillcrest neighborhood boys: University of Hartford men's basketball coach John Gallagher has joined forces with Police Chief Tracey Gove and Community Partnerships Manager Suzanne Oslander to offer some of the most gifted and motivated boys of the Hillcrest neighborhood to attend the university's "On The Floor" Basketball Camp tuition free this summer. The camp runs June 22-26. Fundamentals, daily improvement, unselfish team play, and individual enthusiasm will be the focus of this all-star week as well as swimming, special guest speakers, prizes, contests, and giveaways.

Spring Special at Rockledge Golf Club: Rockledge Golf Club is open with a Spring Special, available weekdays now through April 30. The special includes greens fee for 18 holes, ½ golf cart with GPS, and a free domestic draft or soda with the purchase of any food or beverage in the Golfer's Tavern. Rates are \$39 for West Hartford residents, and \$44 for nonresidents. Tee times can be booked [on-line](#) or by calling 860-521-6284.

Spring Yard Waste Collection begins: The first cycle of the Department of Public Works' Spring Yard Waste Collection will run April 27 to May 1. Two additional rounds will be held May 18-May 22 and June 8-June 12.

Yard Waste includes pine needles, pine cones, leaves, acorns, thatch, twigs, and dead plant matter. Place these items in 30-gallon biodegradable paper bags and place the bags at the curb by 6 AM on your regular scheduled refuse collection day. Bundle branches under 4 inches in diameter and 4 feet in length with organic string, twine or rope. Place bundles next to the leaf bags.

Public Meeting on Park Road / I-84

Improvements: The Engineering Division has developed preliminary design plans to reconfigure the interchange of Park Road at Interstate 84 (Exit 43) to improve the intersection capacity, efficiency, and safety.

A public informational meeting to explain the project and receive comments will be held on Wednesday, April 29 at 6:30 PM in Room 400 at the West Hartford Town Hall. (This meeting location is ADA compliant.) It is important that the community provide feedback to assist in the project's development. Those who are unable to attend the public information meeting are encouraged to contact the Engineering Division at (860) 561-7540 to provide input, as well as obtain more information about the project.

Construction is expected to begin in the spring of 2017. A plan of the proposed improvements is available on the Town's website www.westhartfordct.gov/ParkRoad.

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